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Please amend the Abstract on page 13 as follows:

To increase the telecommunications bit rate in a network of stations sending both data and speech, the data and speech sub-channels are time-multiplexed with a general services and synchronization sub channel. This enables the most efficient use of the former two sub-channels which can used, if need be, so that both of them transmit either speech or data if the ratios between the respective quantities of information to be sent in these categories of information favors one of these categories.

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